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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The use of the trademark "TEFLON" has been noted in this application. It should be capitalized wherever it appears and be accompanied by the generic terminology.

Although the use of trademarks is permissible in patent applications, the proprietary nature of the marks should be respected and every effort made to prevent their use in any manner which might adversely affect their validity as trademarks.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1, 5, 7-8, and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Baranda et al, US 2003/009252 A1 (Baranda).

Baranda discloses an elevator belt assembly comprising a plurality of cord within a jacket and a method of making, said method comprising aligning the cords in a desired alignment, tensioning the cords and applying a jacket to the cords during the tensioning process, as required by claims 1 and 7. See [0034]. The jacket is a

urethane, per claims 5 and 10, and the belt has limited stretch as required by claim 8.

See [0009], [0020], [0029] and [0034].

Therefore the teachings of Baranda anticipate the invention as claimed in present claims 1, 5, 7-8, and 10.

3. Claims 7-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by PCT Patent Publication WO 01/14630A1 (hereinafter Prewo).

Prewo teaches a tension member for an elevator comprising organic fibers and steel fibers encased in a polyurethane jacket. See page 3, lines 7-14 and page 5, line 3.

Accordingly, the teachings of Prewo anticipate the invention as claimed in present claims 7-10.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 2-4, 6, 9, and 11-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Baranda et al, US 2003/0092524 A1 (Baranda) as applied above to claims 1, 5, 7-8, and 10, in view of PCT Patent Publication WO 01/14630A1 (hereinafter Prewo).

Baranda is as set forth above but does not teach that the cords are formed from a synthetic material. Prewo teaches a tension member for an elevator comprising

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organic fibers and steel fibers because the combined organic and steel fibers result in a shared load that provides significantly enhanced properties. See page 3, lines 20-26.

As to claims 6 and 9, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the elevator belt assembly of Baranda by including cords made of a synthetic material in order to obtain the efficacious properties associated therewith.

Regarding claims 2-4 and 11-12, it is the position of the examiner that where the general conditions of a claim are disclosed in the prior art, it is not inventive to discover the optimum or workable ranges by routine experimentation. *In re Aller*, 105 USPQ 233 (CCPA 1955). Accordingly, it would have been obvious to the skilled artisan at the time the invention was made to determine the optimum load for tensioning the cords during routine experimentation commensurate with the desired properties of the end product.

Therefore, the combined teachings of Baranda and Prewo would have rendered obvious the invention as claimed in present claims 2-4, 6, 9, and 11-12.

No claims are allowed.

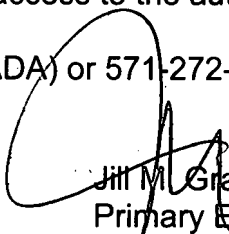
Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jill M. Gray whose telephone number is 571-272-1524. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th and alternate Fridays 10:30-7:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rena Dye can be reached on 571-272-3186. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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